

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

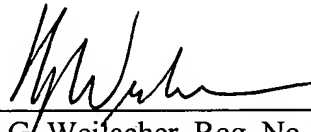
The foregoing amendment is presented in order to avoid claims of multiple dependency and to place the claims in better form for U.S. practice.

The amendments are not related to reasons of patentability.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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